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 2 INTRODUCED BY _____
 3 (Primary Sponsor)
 4 BY REQUEST OF THE ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TEMPORARILY REDIRECTING AND STATUTORILY
 6 APPROPRIATING TECHNOLOGY FUNDING TO E-RATE BROADBAND MATCHING FUNDS; PROVIDING
 7 AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 20-9-534, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AN
 8 APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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 12 **Section 1.** Section 20-9-534, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"20-9-534. Statutory appropriation for school technology purposes.** (1) The amount of \$1 million
 14 a year is statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, from the school facility and technology account
 15 established in 20-9-516 for grants for school technology purposes to the office of public instruction for providing
 16 funds for schools to use as state matching funds for special construction under the federal e-rate broadband
 17 program pursuant to 47 CFR 54.505, provided that none of the state matching funds may be used by schools
 18 for self-construction of their own or portions of their own networks.

19 ~~(2) By the third Friday in July, the superintendent of public instruction shall allocate the annual~~
 20 ~~statutory appropriation for school technology purposes to each district based on the ratio that each district's~~
 21 ~~BASE budget bears to the statewide BASE budget amount for all school districts multiplied by the amount of~~
 22 ~~money provided in 20-9-343 for the purposes of 20-9-533."~~

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 24 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2021.

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 26 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Applicability.** [This act] applies to school fiscal years beginning on our
 27 after July 1, 2021.

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